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INTRODUCTION

The write-up is addressing the contentious issues arising within and around preparations of Poverty Reduction Strategy Papers (PRSPs) vis-a-vis involvement (participation) of Civil Society in the process and inputting on the contents. Moreover, analysis of Tanzania PRSP is undertaken amid the available information in the regard of the national development planning framework initiatives.

Basically this write-up provides the descriptive details on how the PRSP process began in Tanzania; involvement of civil society in the process; relation of civil society participation in the PRSP with other development planning processes; reflection of National Annual Budget (NAB) with the PRSP; relations of the PRSP with other development planning (poverty) policy papers; factors behind Tanzania's achieving of PRSP Completion Point; trade-offs (economic costs) in the course of preparing the PRSP; and recommendations based on Tanzania experience.

Hopefully readers will find useful the information contained in the document.